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For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR COMMUNICATING SIGNALING SYSTEM 7 (SS7) USER PART MESSAGES AMONG SS7 SIGNALING POINTS (SPs) AND INTERNET PROTOCOL (IP) NODES USING SIGNAL TRANSFER POINTS (STPs)

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated August 18, 2003, having a term that expired on November 18, 2003. A petition for a 1-month Extension of Time extending the deadline for responding to the Official Action up to and including December 18, 2003 is attached hereto. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.